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FOLLOWING THE TWO AFP REPORTS TRANSMITTED BY REFTTEL,
AFP PUBLISHED SEVERAL OTHERS ON AUGUST 22 ON THE SUBJECT
OF SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR POLICY. IN AN ARTICLE WHICH IS
COMPILATION OF INFORMATION FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES,
AFP REPORTED:

"THE FEARS EXPRESSED BY TASS ABOUT THE INTENTIONS
OF SOUTH AFRICA WERE CONFIRMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE, WHICH REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
PRETORIA WAS PROCEEDING WITH PREPARATIONS IN THE
KALAHARI DESERT.

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"ON MONDAY, AUGUST 22, AT THE SAME TIME AS THE
QUAI D'ORSAY, THE FOREIGN OFFICE SENT A WARNING TO
SOUTH AFRICA - WHICH SHOWS THE CONCERTED CHARACTER OF
THEIR STATEMENTS.

"THE SPOKESMAN OF THE QUAI D'ORSAY ASSERTED

MONDAY THAT IF SOUTH AFRICA PUTS SUCH A PROJECT INTO EFFECT 'FRANCE WOULD CONDEMN IT AND WOULD TAKE MEASURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDEMNATION.' ACCORDING TO CERTAIN OBSERVERS, SUCH A THREAT COULD EVEN INCLUDE THE CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF THE TWO NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WHICH SHOULD BEGIN TO FUNCTION IN 1982. AT THE QUAI D'ORSAY THEY REFUSE TO GIVE ANY CLARIFICATION ON THIS MATTER.

"THE FRENCH COULD THEN, ACCORDING TO THESE OBSERVERS, ADOPT AN ATTITUDE OF ALOOFNESS TOWARD THE PRETORIA GOVERNMENT THEREBY CONFIRMING THE NEW ATTITUDE IN FRENCH POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. THIS POLICY, MR. DE GUIRINGAUD TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO HIS INTERLOCUTORS THROUGHOUT THE TALKS WHICH HE HAD IN THE COURSE OF HIS VERY RECENT TRIP IN EAST AFRICA."
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